

Application No. 10/817,621

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a. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 (Currently amended). A packer apparatus for pushing leaves or other debris into a trash container, the packer apparatus comprising:

(a) a substantially planar head portion; and

(b) a mount portion connected at one end to a side of the head portion and oriented substantially perpendicularly to the side of the head portion, the mount portion being generally cylindrical in shape and comprising an open opposite end that is insertable over an end of a handle; wherein the head portion is formed as a grate.

2 (Original). The packer apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one generally circular screw hole extending transversely through the mount, and at least one screw insertable in the at least one screw hole and in at least one corresponding similarly sized hole extending transversely through the handle.

Please cancel Claim 3.

4 (Withdrawn). The packer apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a spring loaded mechanism comprising two arm members, each comprising a spring, on opposite sides of the mount portion for removably attaching the packer apparatus to a handle.